



# FRYSC

## News from Frankfort

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Good Thursday morning!!!

Many of you are out of the office because of the icy and snowy weather today. Several districts have already missed a number of days due the unusually winter-like weather we have enjoyed. The newsletter today will be brief and will contain just a few items for your review. Enjoy this season of year and enjoy your time away from the office.

### A DEPARTURE FROM THE OFFICE

When you call the Division of FRYSC or the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service (KCCVS is our sister agency in this department), you will be greeted by the friendly voice of Liz Collins. Liz has been with us for almost a year and sadly for us, she has found a new position which she will begin next week. We shall miss her much. Good luck, Liz, we wish you well!

### CONTINUATION COVERSHEETS

Continuation coversheets are due tomorrow. Please make sure yours is submitted. These are the forms that provide us the basis for funding projections for next fiscal year. Thanks in advance for your work on getting these in to us. Some, I am sure, will be late due to the weather issues but such is life. Remember that this is second year of the biennium, so only the continuation coversheet and the budget/budget narrative will be required for the Continuation Program Plan, unless changes to the current approved plans are requested. Those forms will be posted the first week in January, which will give our office time to calculate the per student allocation based on the free lunch numbers that come in. The due date for the continuation program plan, as always, is **February 15**.

### DIRECTOR'S BULLETIN BOARD

Please be sure to check the bulletin board often. Informational items are posted on it regularly. This will make it easier for you to access items and also helps when emails bounce. The bulletin board is located on the opening page of the DFRYSC website on the lower right corner.

### NEW COMMITTEE FUNCTIONING

Katie Morris, our training director, has formed a new committee to assist her as we move forward in revamping our training program. The committee involves regional and district staff as well as other stakeholders. The work of this committee will guide us over the next 18 months as we look at a comprehensive change in the way we provide training as an office. Katie has done an outstanding job thus far and I know that the future will be even better.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Victory Over Violence conference will be held on July 20-22, 2011 at the Galt House in Louisville. This will be our first partnership conference and will be nationwide in scope. We are partnering with the Schools of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century in the Zigler Center for Social Policy and Child Development at Yale University. This will be the Division's official celebration of your 20 years of service. Terry Holliday, Commissioner of Education, will be with us on the opening day as will many other special guests. Mark the date and plan to be there.

### CLOSING THOUGHTS

The year is almost gone. Like an old, comfortable pair of shoes, this year had spots of luster that were as beautiful as could be, scuffs that were so painful we could only hope they are forgotten and a sense of comfort with the familiar that we hate to lose. But the year will be gone soon and we will open that new year with all its hidden mysteries. What lies ahead for us is anyone's guess. But, thankfully, we can still dream. So let's dream a bit.

In our dreams we could build a world where people actually liked each other and realized that our differences are things to celebrate—not reasons to kill. We could build a world where all the soldiers of all the wars in the

world could be told to go home—their services were no longer needed. We could build a world where every child went to bed with a full tummy—with some food left in the cupboard for breakfast. We could build a world where people were praised for their service to others—not the size of their trucks. We could...oh, yeah, I know, I am an idealist. But that's okay, don't you think? Isn't okay to hope that next year is better than this one was?

So I wish for you and yours a wonderful holiday season and a new year where all your dreams come true.

Whatever it takes,

Michael

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